

METHODS AND DEVICES FOR ALTERING BLOOD FLOW
THROUGH THE LEFT VENTRICLE

ABSTRACT

5 An element is expanded in the left ventricle to isolate part of the left ventricle.
The element has a generally convex outer surface and an apex which together define a
desired geometry of the left ventricle. The isolated part of the wall of the left ventricle may
be left so that the wall naturally forms around the element or the isolated portion of the
ventricle may be evacuated and/or filled. The element may also be used to isolate part of the
10 left ventricle containing a ventricular septal defect or other perforation or opening in the
ventricular wall.